

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original) Particulates comprising 10-95% wt of a matrix material and 5-90% wt of fatty matter essentially dispersed in the matrix material, wherein said fatty matter comprises 5-100% wt of fatty matter of one or more of phytosterols, and wherein the matrix comprises a protein and a carbohydrate, and wherein the amount of phytosterols is at least 1 wt% on the total weight of the particulates.

Claim 2 (Original) Particulates according to claim 1, wherein the phytosterols comprise fatty acid esters of sterols.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) Particulates according to claim 1-2, wherein the fatty matter is dispersed in the matrix material as discrete regions.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) Particulates according to claim 1-3, wherein the fatty matter is dispersed in the matrix material as oily or fatty matter droplets, crystals or particles.

Claim 5 (Original) Particulates according to claim 1, wherein the protein comprises a dairy protein, hydrolysed protein, gelatin, soy protein, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (Original) Particulates according to claim 1, wherein the carbohydrate comprises maltodextrin, sugar, sugar derivative, starch, flour, chemically modified starch, physically modified starch, xanthan, guar, locust bean gum, alginate, pectin, carrageenan, polydextrose, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) Particulates according to claim 1-6, wherein the matrix material comprises dairy products like liquid and/or powdered (skim) milk or cream.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) Particulates according to claim 1-7, wherein at least 60% by weight of the particulates has a size of 1-1000 μm .

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) Particulates according to claim 4-8, wherein at least 60% by weight of the oily or fatty matter droplets, crystals or particles has a size of 0.05-100 μm .

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) Particulates according to claim 1-9, containing less than 30% wt of water.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) Creamer or whitener comprising 10-100% of the particulates according to any of claims 1-10claim 1.

Claim 12 (Original) Food product comprising the creamer or whitener composition according to claim 11.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) Composition comprising (weight % based on dry weight) 2-50% wt salt, 0-30% wt MSG, 0-50% fat and/or fatty matter, 0-20% wt herbs and/or spices, 0-30% wt vegetable particulates, 0-30% wt starch-based thickener and further comprising 0.1-65% wt (preferably 2-50% wt) of the particulates according to any of claims 1-10claim 1.

Claim 14 (Original) Food product according to claim 12, which is a soup- or sauce concentrate.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) Composition comprising (weight % on dry weight) 0-80% sugar and/or sweet and/or non-sweet starch hydrolysate and/or non-sugar sweetener, 0.5-80%.

- tea powder, instant tea, tea flavour, tea colorant, dried tea, tea concentrate, and/or
- coffee powder, instant coffee, coffee flavour, coffee colorant, dried coffee, coffee concentrate, and/or
- cocoa powder, instant cocoa, cocoa flavour, cocoa colorant, dried cocoa, cocoa concentrate, and/or
- milkshake powder, instant milkshake, milkshake flavour, milkshake colorant, dried milkshake, milkshake concentrate, and/or
- milk powder, instant milk, milk flavour, milk colorant, dried milk, milk concentrate, and/or
- soymilk powder, instant soymilk, soymilk flavour, soymilk colorant, dried soymilk, soymilk concentrate, and/or
- dairy drink powder, instant dairy drink, dairy drink flavour, dairy drink colorant, dried dairy drink, dairy drink concentrate, and/or
- fruit juice powder, instant fruit juice, fruit juice flavour, fruit juice colorant, dried fruit juice, fruit concentrate, and/or
- fruit smoothie powder, instant fruit smoothie, fruit smoothie flavour, fruit smoothie colorant, dried fruit smoothie, fruit smoothie concentrate,

and further comprising 1-75% wt of the particulates according to claim 1-10.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended) Composition according to claim 15, comprising 30-65% wt sugar or sweet starch hydrolysate, 0.8-20 % wt black tea powder and/or black tea flavour and further comprising 20-60% wt of the particulates ~~according to any of claims 1-10~~.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) Process for manufacturing the particulates according to ~~any of claims 1-10~~claim 1, comprising the steps of:

- preparing an emulsion or dispersion of the fatty matter and matrix material in an aqueous liquid
- drying said emulsion or dispersion.

Claim 18 (Original) Process according to claim 16, further comprising a homogenising step prior to the drying of the emulsion or dispersion.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended) Process for preparing a liquid or pasty sauce, soup or concentrate of such a sauce or soup, which process includes the step of including 0.1-65% wt of the particulates according to ~~any of claims 1-10~~claim 1 in such liquid or pasty sauce, soup or concentrate of such a sauce or soup.